

What are the options for renewal of license and/or application for designation of a new licensee for WGIV-1310AM radio in Charlotte, NC? How may I obtain copy of Infiniti Broadcasting's license renewal application for its Charlotte, NC, stations? Was there any written FCC requirement for Infiniti to publicly post notice of intent NOT to renew the license for WGIV-1310AM radio, and if so, where may I get copy of said notice, including any public comment about it? Infiniti's Operations Manager/Program Director Terri Avery issued a statement to the FCC Hearing on Localism, October 22, 2003, here in Charlotte, NC. In that statement, she said, "Let there be no mistake: Our number-one goal is to serve Charlotte, so our listeners and the community dictate what we air." With that being said, where might I find the evidence she used before the FCC or in any FCC filings that suggested listeners did not want to hear WGIV-1310AM any more, and thereby justified its shutdown? Her statement continued, "...But each one of our stations has its own music director, its own on-air talent and its own staffs who run the station and stand ready to respond to citizen concerns and requests. I can tell you that no one at Infinity has ever dictated to me a play list, or even a song, that must be aired. Viacom hired me because of my experience and know-how in the radio business. No corporate consultants interfere with my decisions; the ratings speak loud and clear. What happens on our station is controlled by us here on the ground, because Infinity knows that serving Charlotte is good business and that no one knows better how to serve this area than those of us who live and work here....Our gospel station, WGIV, has been broadcasting for more than 50 years. It provides hourly newsbreaks during the morning drive time program hosted by Sister Altheresa Goode-Howard. Until recently, WGIV aired a daily, one-hour talk show hosted by BeaThompson. A local public affairs program airs every Sunday. WGIV also does a Family Fun Day in the summertime, where local churches get involved for a day of activities for children, gospel music from local choirs, food and ministering."

There is strong public sentiment among many with whom I have spoken that WGIV's historic significance, its important impact and its overall community, economic, social, educational and religious influence in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community warrants continued presence here. While I applaud Infiniti's overall business financial success with its operations here, I sense that a rallying community-wide support effort could keep the station as a viable broadcast option for an underserved population. Should the FCC be willing to consider reinstatement or renewal of the application in a joint venture between Infiniti and local group, I would welcome the chance to file such application to bring it to fruition. Please respond to my questions as I am

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